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The Republican members of the House
are requested to attend a caucus of their
party in the Hall of the House on Monday
morning, at 9:30 o'clock.

The Rebel Yell.

No President for years—if there is any parallel to it in history—has been so grossly abused and insulted as President HAYES was on Thursday evening last by the Democratic speakers who voted for the delectation of the Democracy on the occasion of their rejoicing over the result in Ohio. They seem to have gotten through singing psalms to the President, and now draw upon their amount of adjectives and epithets to heap maledictions on his devoted head. They are consistent patriots and reformers. They applaud the Southern and civil service policies of President HAYES, and then hurry to the ballot-box and vote the Democratic ticket. Such is Democratic consistency and devotion to those who have done more for Democratic advancement than that party has accomplished in seventeen years by its own efforts.

Public School Colleges.

It is now time to start up some feeling on this subject. The people are ready to hear something said about giving our children a higher school education than the present means of educating affords. Most of the large cities have already free colleges, supported by the tax-payers. These colleges have done good. The results show their value. The free college of New York city has given no small number of eminent men to the political world, which would not have been the case if it had not been called into use.

It seems a pity that a boy or girl, having passed through the elements of our language, is forced to be content with it, unless friends aid to a college education. There is no reason why we could not have such a college in this city. Big gaudy buildings are not wanted. The best building will be the training the youth will get at the hands of good professors. The people will encourage such a move and pay willingly. The good done will be repaid by the usefulness with which it will fit its graduates. Schools of design, art and all its branches might also be brought into play. Our great trouble is that we are more anxious to make a big display at the outset than is needed. Our public school buildings might be opened for night schools. There are plenty of young people who would like to have the chance of getting instruction at night. We should not be the least behind in the day on these matters. There are plenty of smaller cities who go ahead of us already in the way of educating the youths.

Put Down the Brakes.

In view of the late election in Ohio, which is an unmistakable indication in political meteorology, it is the part of wisdom that Republicans shall carefully scan the horizon for the purpose of discovering as clearly as possible the aspect of the times.

The storm has fallen upon one of the great States of the Union, and it is well nay to study carefully the causes that have led to the disaster which we are called upon to contemplate. The result in Ohio is of no decided character to be ignored or disregarded, though the causes which have led to it may be various and peculiar. There is a disagreement, we notice, among those who sustain the policy of the Administration "without a why or wherefore," as to what influences plunged the State of Ohio into a Democratic majority of more than twenty thousand. Some charge it to communists others to the financial question, while others charge much of the result to the speech of Mr. West at Cleveland immediately after his nomination. Then again, STANLEY MATTHEWS comes in for share of the responsibility.

It is the evident intention of those journals which have done much to disintegrate the Republican party and weaken its power throughout the country, to mete out a share to each one whom they think entitled to bear a portion of the load. The New York *Tribune* says "that the Hon. STANLEY MATTHEWS had not taken pains to build up the Cleveland platform of Democratic financial and communistic heresies his senatorial hopes might not have been as flat today as if the Knievel's obit had dropped on them."

Following this the *Tribune* philosophizes in this wise: "Weak yielding to every gust of popular feeling does not make a party strong." This is eminently true, and it might have added that the stripping of a party's working and saving power by needless restrictions and interferences with the inalienable rights of citizenship will never give power and energy to its existence nor interest it in successful majorities. Neither can a party be sustained in a position of supremacy, no matter how pure and conserving its principles or elevated its purposes, if it turns its armament on its own friends instead of the common enemy, and exhausts its ammunition in domestic strife. This is a lesson that some of those who profess to speak for the Republican cause should study well, and under its teachings should cease firing upon Republican Senators in Congress and turn their guns upon the Democratic party. In this way the Republican party can be strengthened and built up in its hopes and prospects, but its days cannot be lengthened or its power strengthened by a line of policy which is gratifying to the enemy and disheartening to friends.

The State of Ohio has been lost to the Republicans simply because the great mass of the people do not yield hearty accord to the Southern and civil service policies that

now rule the Administration. They desire to keep in harmony with an Administration which they aided heartily to place in power, but the strong sense of right—the love of liberty—the traditional aversion to everything like an invasion of the rights of citizenship, no matter whether it comes through organized force or official order—naturally affects the line of thought and action of all peoples, who, like those who inhabit Northern Ohio, have sustained the Republican banner since it was first unfurled on the Western Reserve. This state of feeling, no doubt, accounts in some degree for the indifference that settled upon a large class of Republicans of the State of Ohio, and led them to withhold their votes in the late elections.

These presses and statesmen who declare so cockily that the policy of the Administration relating to the South and civil-service reform has not influenced this disaster, know little or nothing of the "tenebrousness" of the Republican rank and file throughout the country. A deep feeling of despondency began to settle upon the average Republican mind when these policies were first announced, and it has grown more and more intense as developments have since unfolded, until the party is being rapidly disintegrated and stampeded down into nothing or have been swallowed up by new schools of modern thought. There is one thing sure, Christianity has fixed principles, and time has shown that they cannot be overthrown. Skepticism has gradually sunk into the deepest infidel ranks, the materialism of the day—materialism looking on man as soulless and nameless—in the manner that we tap our maple or sugar trees, and the sap is boiled and made into a syrup and paste, of commerce, and is called by the natives "Tapi Honey."

They have seen a punktree three feet through. THERE was a general uprising in New Jersey yesterday. It proved to be only ten. McClellan's

A. MISS EDGAR of Auckland, has received the degree of R. A. of the New Zealand University. WE were in the Hon. Stanley Matthews' place, we would go and join the Turks.—Boston

GUY WADE HAMPTON will deliver an address before the North Carolina State fair on the 8th instant.

COMMANDER J. BLACKLEY CHERINGTON has returned to Portsmouth and assumed command this year.

HON. T. A. HENDERICKS, accompanied by his wife left New York yesterday, and will spend a few days in Philadelphia.

Mrs. SAMUEL T. TOMPKINS, grandmother of General Lewis Cass died suddenly at Newport, R. I., last evening.

CHESTER JOSEPH'S first inquiry of Gen. Miles after the surrenders. "Where is Old Man Whipple?"—Catch-Goose Teas now?

MR. MATTHEW ARNOLD has taken up the cudgels of the swelling reformers and is now more active than ever.

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